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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Shuji YONEKUBO and Ryoichi TANAKA
LIQUID JETTING APPARATUS
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q80056
Continuation of Application No.: 10/144,766

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/144,766 (Confirmation No. 3831) filed May 15, 2002 of Shuji YONEKUBO and Ryoichi TANAKA entitled LIQUID JETTING APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 12 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2853.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/144,766 filed May 15, 2002; the disclosure

of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-146447	May 16, 2001
Japan	2001-259801	August 29, 2001

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 10/144,766.

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	12	-	20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	4	-	3	=	1	x	\$86.00	=	\$86.00
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A check for the statutory fee of \$856.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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